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HERCULES

The Strongest Man in the World

His mighty arms
destroyed a throne,
and launched the
quest for the
**GOLDEN
FLEECE!**

"Hercules" Presented by
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Presents

"HERCULES"

starring

STEVE REEVES

SYLVA KOSCINA

GIANNA MARIA CANALE

with

Fabrizio Mioni • Ivo Garrani

Arturo Dominici

Mimmo Palmara

Lidia Alfonsi • Gina Rovere

Directed by Pietro Francisci

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3. then sail in search of the Golden Fleece.



1. Subject to a tyrant king's commands . . .



4. Finally, he must overthrow the evil monarch's rule . . .



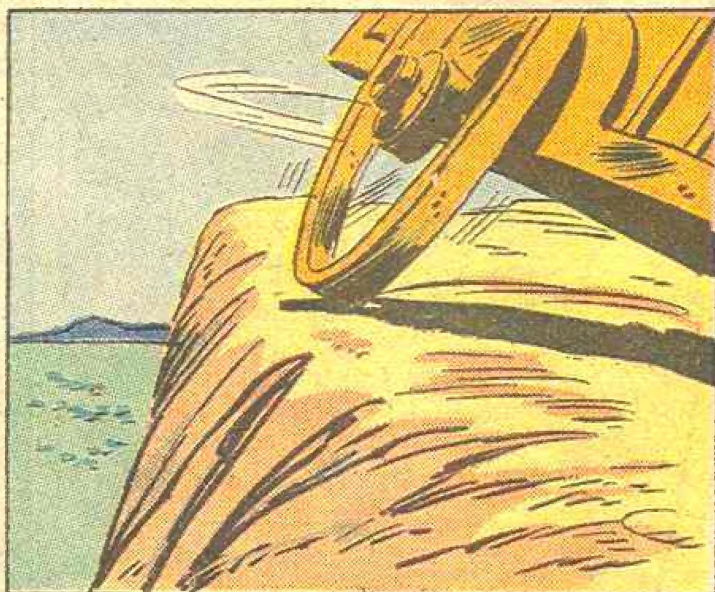
2. Hercules must endure many tests of strength . . .



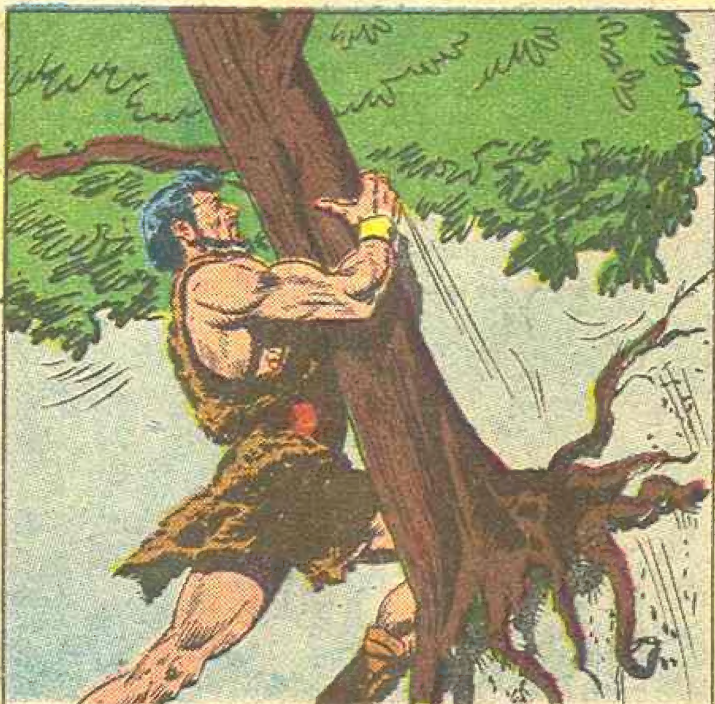
5. in order to restore the rightful king to his throne!

HERCULES

IN THE ANCIENT DAYS
ALONG THE RUGGED
COAST OF GREECE, A
SHEPHERD'S QUIET
PIPING IS SUDDENLY
INTERRUPTED...

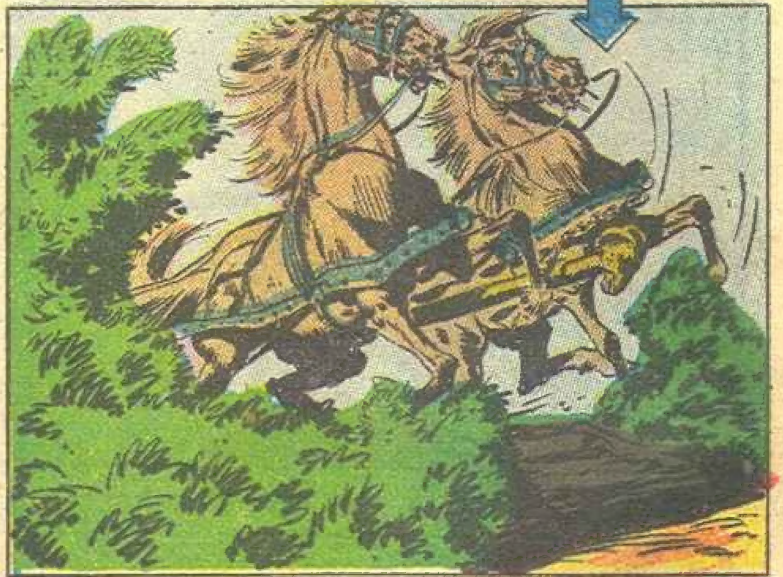
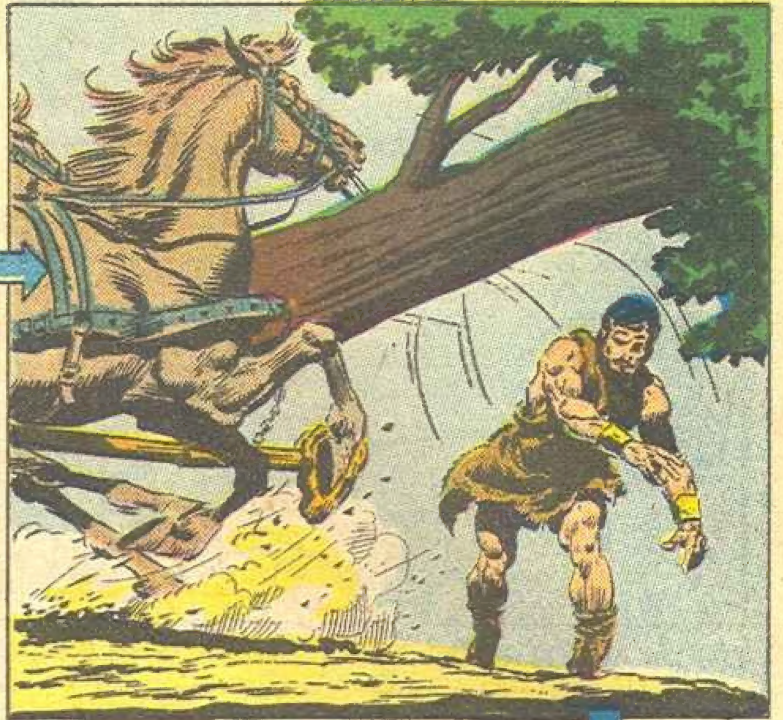


SUDDENLY, AHEAD OF THE RUNAWAY CHARIOT...



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THANK YOU AND I THANK THE
THE GODS FOR PROVIDING ME WITH
SUCH A **STRONG** MAN WHEN
I NEEDED HIM!

ARE
YOU ALL
RIGHT?

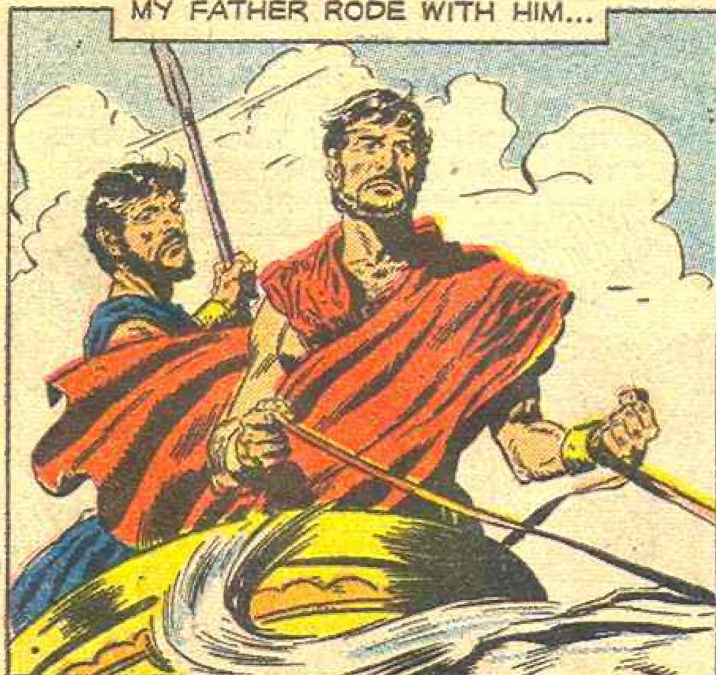


BETTER! THOUGH MY LEGS ARE STILL A
LITTLE WEAK! NOW I RECOGNIZE YOU! YOU
ARE **HERCULES** OF THEBES! THEY ARE
WAITING FOR YOU AT JOLCO! THEY
EXPECT GREAT THINGS OF YOU!

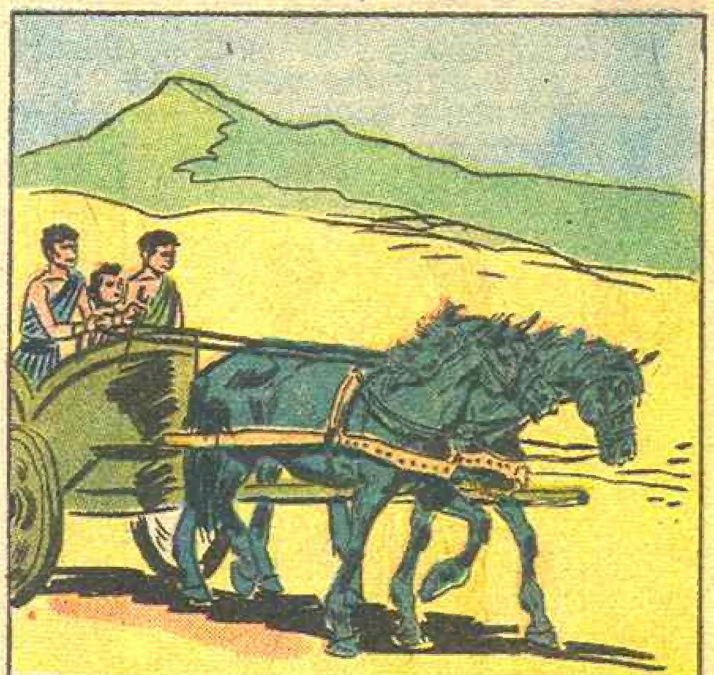




"WE WERE RETURNING FROM THE HUNT! MY UNCLE AESON WAS KING OF JOLCO THEN AND MY FATHER RODE WITH HIM..."



"I WAS BETWEEN MY BROTHER IPHITUS AND MY COUSIN JASON, PRINCE OF JOLCO..."



"AT OUR SIDE RODE THE THE CAPTAIN OF THE ESCORT, CHIRON, WHO THE DAY BEFORE HAD A BITTER ARGUMENT WITH THE KING, THOUGH WE DID NOT KNOW WHAT THEY ARGUED ABOUT..."



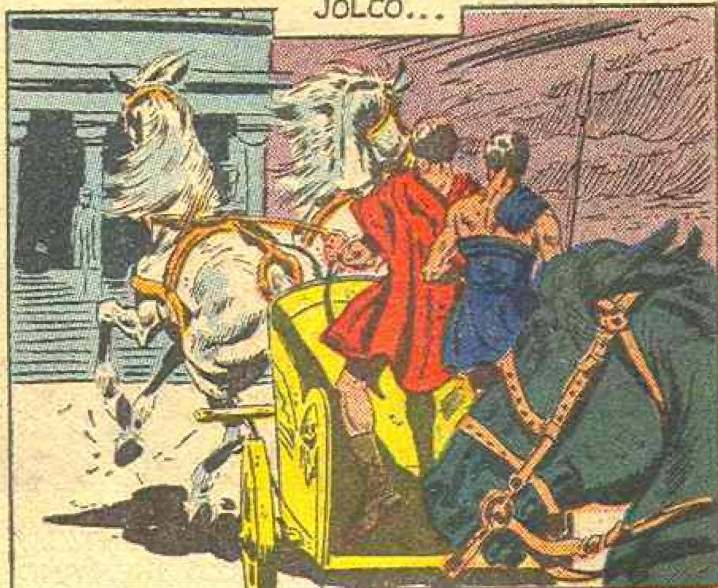
"SUDDENLY, MY UNCLE SIGNALLED A HALT! WE SAW SOME SOLDIERS MARCHING A PRISONER IN CHAINS..."



"I COULD NOT SEE THE PRISONER'S FACE, BUT I HEARD MY UNCLE SAY HE WAS A MURDERER AND SHOULD DIE..."



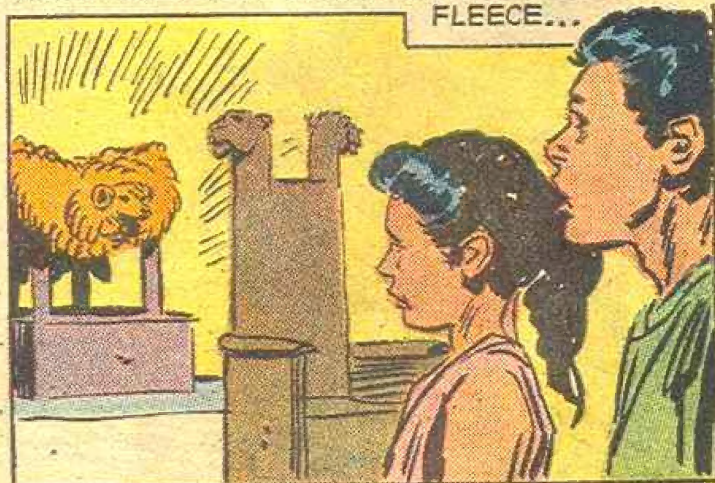
"THE THOUGHT OF THE PRISONER'S DEATH SEEMED LIKE A BAD OMEN TO ME! THE SKY BECAME OVERCAST AS WE ENTERED JOLCO..."



"THAT NIGHT, SEEING I WAS SAD, MY COUSIN JASON LED IPHITUS AND ME INTO THE THRONE ROOM..."



"WE LOOKED AT THE ROYAL SYMBOL BEHIND MY UNCLE'S THRONE-- THE GOLDEN FLEECE! FOR US, IT WAS MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE SCEPTRE OR THE CROWN! THAT WAS THE LAST TIME I SAW JASON OR THE GOLDEN FLEECE..."



THAT EVENING, MY SLEEP WAS FILLED WITH NIGHTMARES! THEN SUDDENLY, A SCREAM AWAKENED ME! I RAN TO THE THRONE ROOM...



"MY FATHER STOOD WHERE HIS BROTHER HAD FALLEN! NOW HE WAS KING, BUT THE SYMBOL OF GOOD FORTUNE -- THE GOLDEN FLEECE WAS GONE!"





OH, FATHER, I NEVER HAVE BELIEVED IN ORACLES, AND THIS SYBIL IS A MAD WOMAN!

DESTINY KNOWS **YOUR** NAME, IPHITUS! DEATH SLEEPS BESIDE YOU!



WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?

LEAVE HER ALONE, IPHITUS! SHE HAS WARNED ME TO BEWARE OF A MAN WITH BUT **ONE SANDAL!** LET THE GUARDS SLAY ANY WHO ENTER JOLCO WITH ONLY ONE SANDAL!



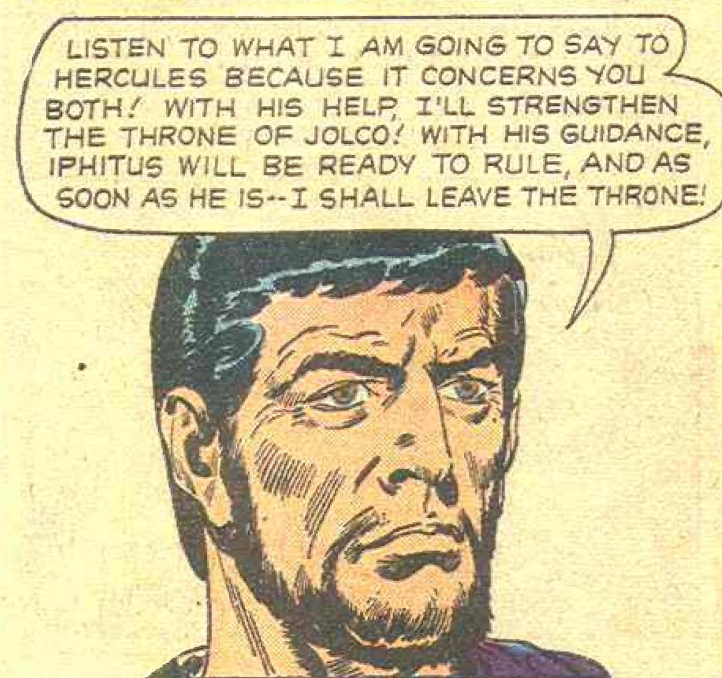
YOU--WHO ARE YOU?

HERCULES, WHOM YOU ASKED TO JOLCO!



THEY SAY YOU ARE A **DEMIGOD**-- SON OF MORTAL WOMAN AND THE IMMORTAL GOD ZEUS! CAN YOU MAKE YOURSELF **INVISIBLE**?

BE QUIET, IPHITUS! HERCULES SAVED MY LIFE!

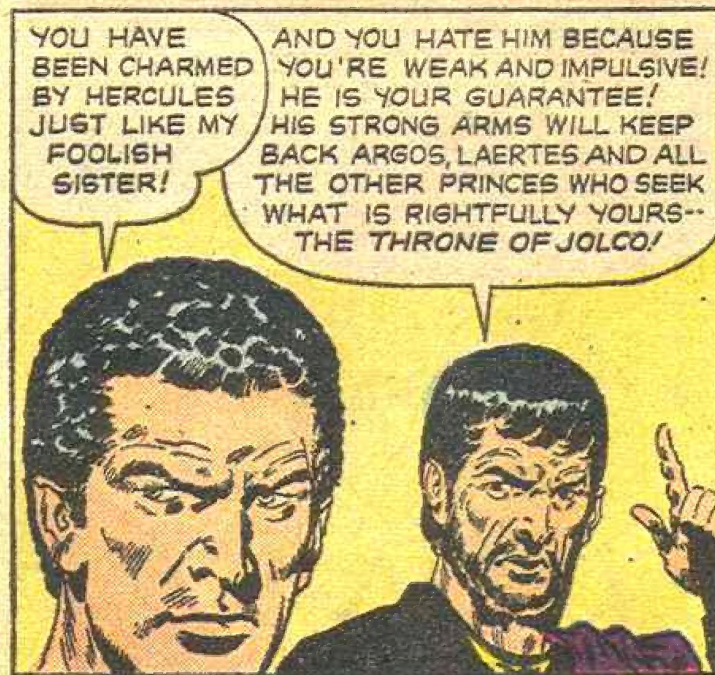
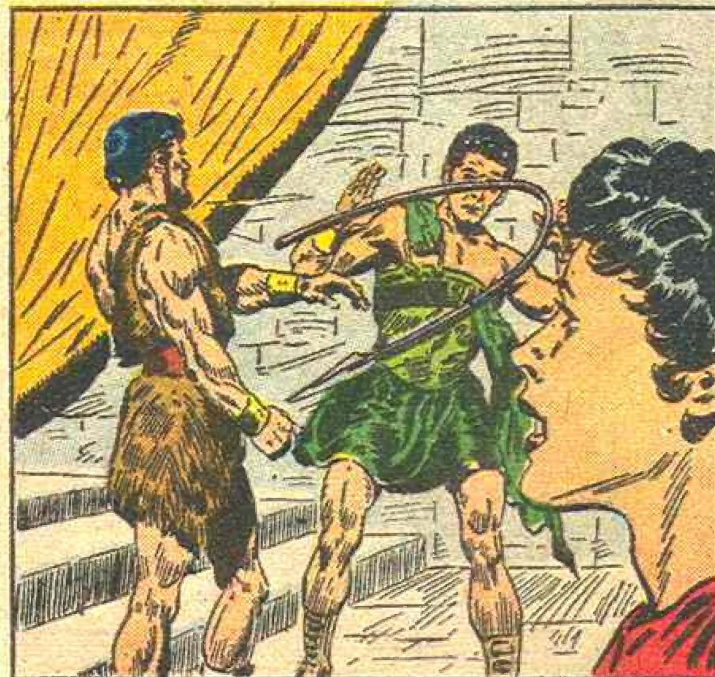


LISTEN TO WHAT I AM GOING TO SAY TO HERCULES BECAUSE IT CONCERNS YOU BOTH! WITH HIS HELP, I'LL STRENGTHEN THE THRONE OF JOLCO! WITH HIS GUIDANCE, IPHITUS WILL BE READY TO RULE, AND AS SOON AS HE IS--I SHALL LEAVE THE THRONE!



FATHER!

I CAN HARDLY WAIT TO STEP DOWN FROM THAT THRONE! RULING WITHOUT THE GOLDEN FLEECE TO BRING US GOOD FORTUNE HAS MADE THAT THRONE A BEGGAR'S BENCH-- HARD AND FUTILE!





THAT WAS CHIRON'S ROOM--NEXT TO MY UNCLE, WHOM HE KILLED!

I AM SURE YOU MEAN WELL, BUT YOU ARE **MISTAKEN!**



DEFENDING THE KING'S MURDERER WILL ONLY LEAD TO TROUBLE HERE! ARE YOU STILL DETERMINED TO REMAIN IN JOLCO?

IF I HAVE ACCEPTED IPHITUS' INSOLENCE AND I STAY HERE, IT IS ONLY BECAUSE OF YOU!

SOON AFTER...



YOU HAVE MADE A MISTAKE! HERCULES WAS CHIRON'S FAVORITE STUDENT! THEY WERE CLOSE FRIENDS!

THAT WAS MANY YEARS AGO! I NEED HERCULES TO MAKE A MAN OF IPHITUS!



HERCULES IS HONEST AND HONESTY ALWAYS FINDS THE TRUTH EVEN AFTER MANY YEARS! HE WON'T REST UNTIL HE CLEARS CHIRON'S NAME!

HE MIGHT FIND SOMETHING ELSE IN THIS PALACE--**LOVE!**



JOLE?

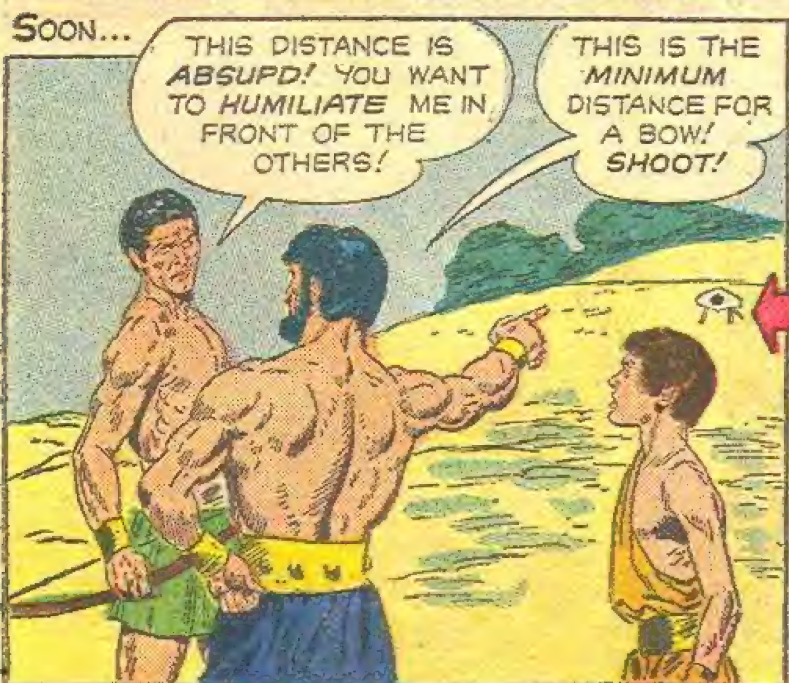
YES, EURYSTEUS! AND IF THAT HAPPENS, I WILL NOT HINDER IT!

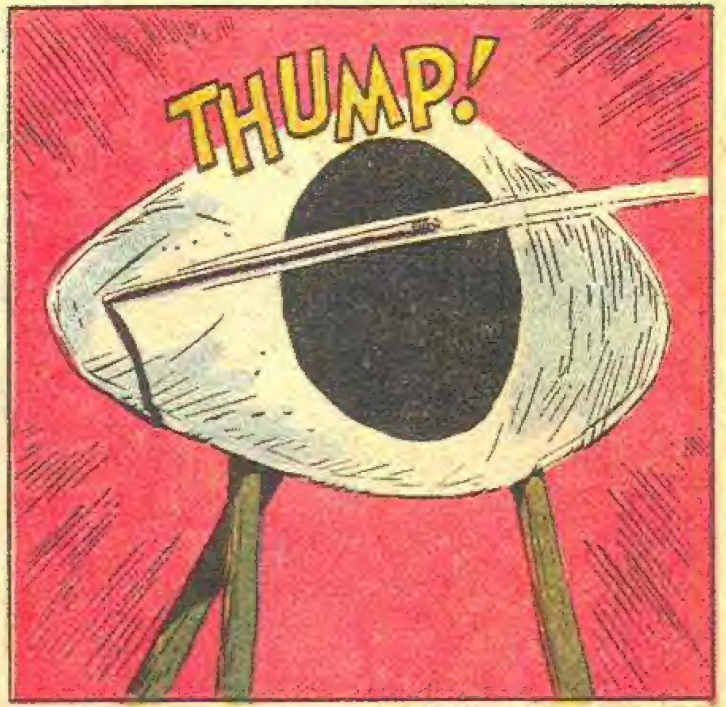


NEXT DAY, BY THE ATHLETIC FIELD, THE FAMED DOCTOR ESCULAPIUS EXAMINES A RUNNER...

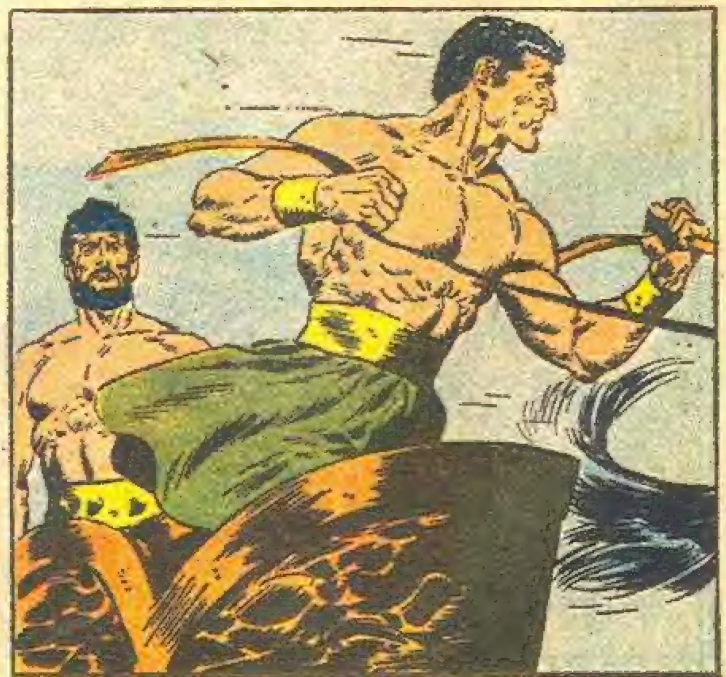
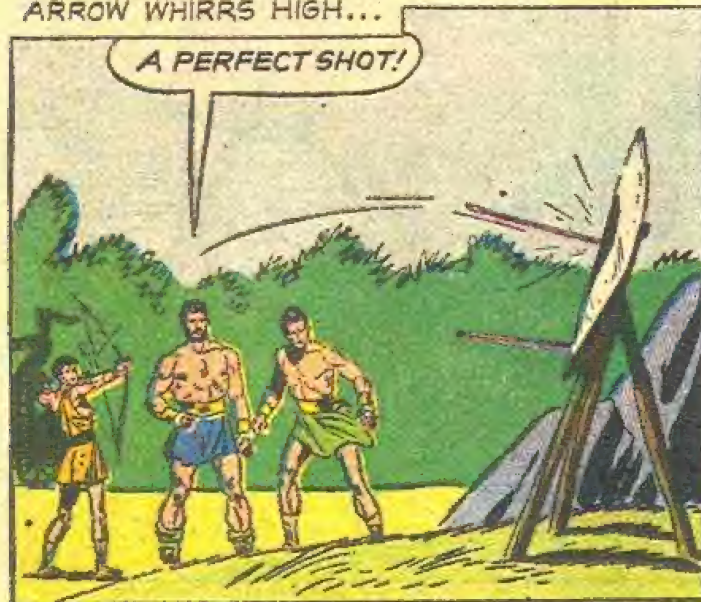
BUT, ESCULAPIUS, I WANT TO RUN IN THE MARATHON!

YOU WILL HAVE TO GIVE UP RUNNING! YOUR HEART CANNOT STAND IT! DO NOT LET ME SEE YOU HERE AGAIN!





THEN ULYSSES BENDS THE BOW, CHECKING HIS AIM AS HERCULES ADVISES HIM! THE ARROW WHIRRS HIGH...





YOU HAVE MADE A FOOL OF
IPHITUS! HE WILL SEEK REVENGE!
LEAVE JOLCO, HERCULES!

YOU KNOW
I COULDN'T LEAVE
YOU!

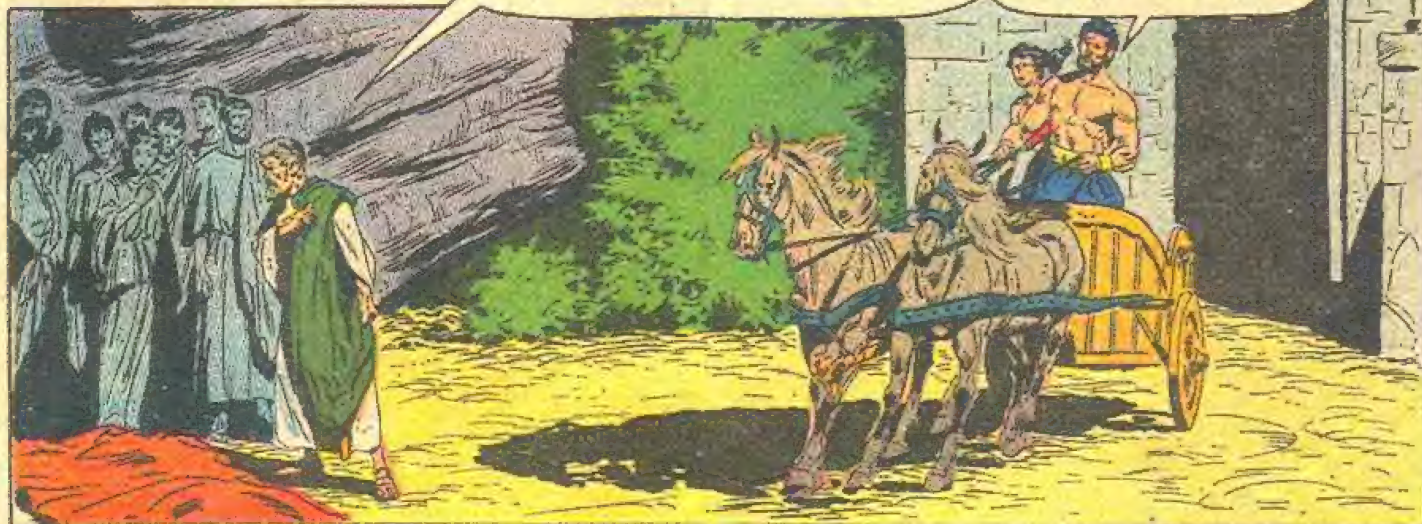


OH, HERCULES, I WAS AFRAID YOU MIGHT
LEAVE ME! AND I IMAGINED MYSELF IN
THAT SAD PALACE--ALONE AGAIN--
WITHOUT A FRIEND!

AS THEY RETURN TO THE
GREAT SQUARE OF JOLCO,
WAILING VOICES
GREET THEM...

HE'S BACK! DEPENDABLE AS SUMMER!
CRUEL AS HAILSTONES ON THE YOUNG WHEAT!
AND HE PREFERS THE YOUNG--
THE CHILDREN AND WOMEN!

WHAT HAPPENED?



THE LION HAS
RETURNED!

WHERE WERE
THEY KILLED?



IN THE
VALLEY OF
NEMEA?

HERCULES!
DON'T GO!

AS HERCULES DRIVES HIS CHARIOT FROM JOLCO, A RIDER FOLLOWS...

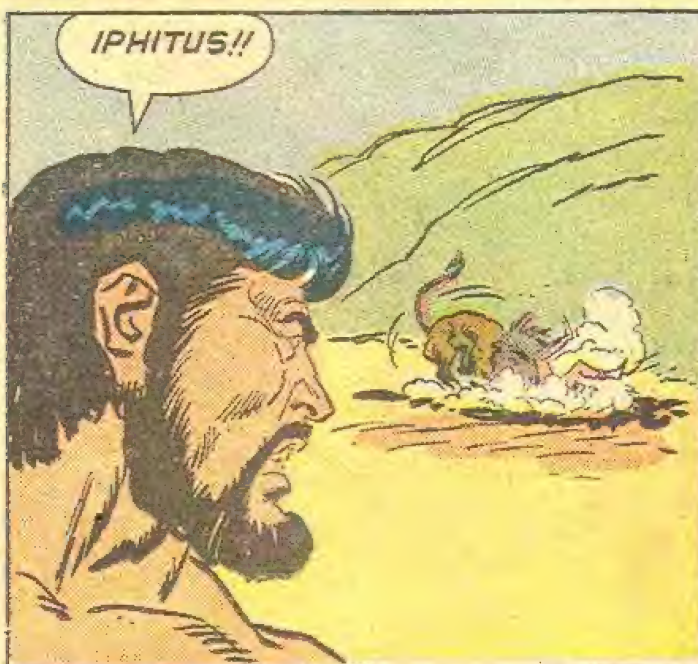
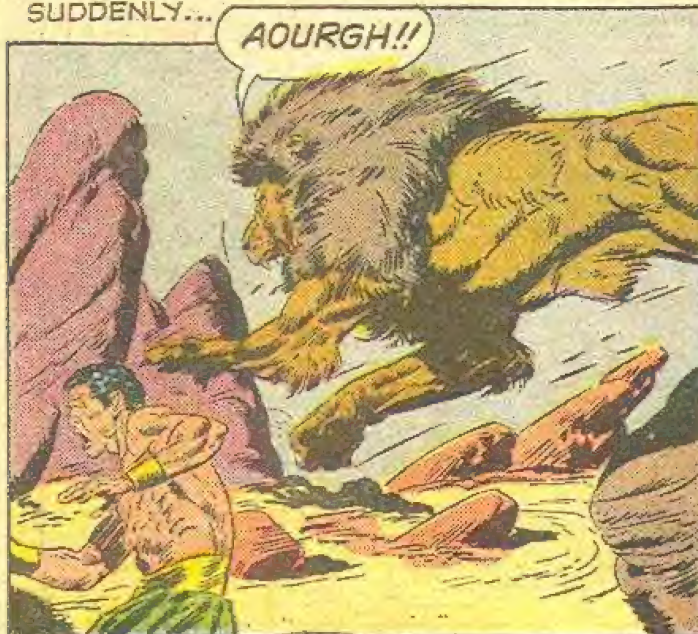


GO HOME!
YOU KNOW I AM RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR LIFE!

YOU ARE ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR MY PRESTIGE IN FRONT OF MY PEOPLE! YOU MADE A FOOL OF ME AT THE ARCHERY FIELD! NOW I WANT TO SEE THE LION MAKE A FOOL OF YOU!



AS IPHITUS TRAILS BEHIND HERCULES, SUDDENLY...





SOON...



QUICKLY, HERCULES IS SUMMONED...



LATER, AT AN ANCIENT TEMPLE...

WHY DID IPHITUS DIE, SYBIL? WHY SHOULD A MAN WHOM I COULD KILL WITH ONE HAND ORDER ME ABOUT? A WOMAN HUMILIATE ME?

IPHITUS DIED BECAUSE JOLCO'S DESTINY HAD TO BE ACCOMPLISHED! YOU MUST FIGHT THE CRETAN BULL! THAT WILL DECIDE YOUR FATE!



I AM TIRED OF BEING SENT OUT TO DO THE BIDDING OF THE GODS! I AM NO PUPPET-- NOT EVEN FOR ZEUS!

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO, HERCULES? REBEL AGAINST THE GODS?



THE EVENTS OF THE PAST FEW DAYS HAVE CONFUSED ME! THERE IS SOMETHING IN ME THAT FORBIDS ME TO FEEL LOVE OR HATE!

THAT IS YOUR IMMORTALITY, HERCULES! REMEMBER! YOU ARE THE SON OF A MORTAL WOMAN AND A GOD!



IF IMMORTALITY KEEPS ME FROM FEELING WHAT MORTALS FEEL, I DO NOT WANT IT!

BEWARE, HERCULES! IT IS EASY TO RENOUNCE YOUR IMMORTALITY, BUT THEN LIKE ANY HUMAN YOU CAN SUFFER PAIN, SORROW, EVEN DEATH!



BUT I WANT TO LOVE LIKE OTHERS, FIGHT LIKE THEM, FEEL THE PASSING OF TIME!

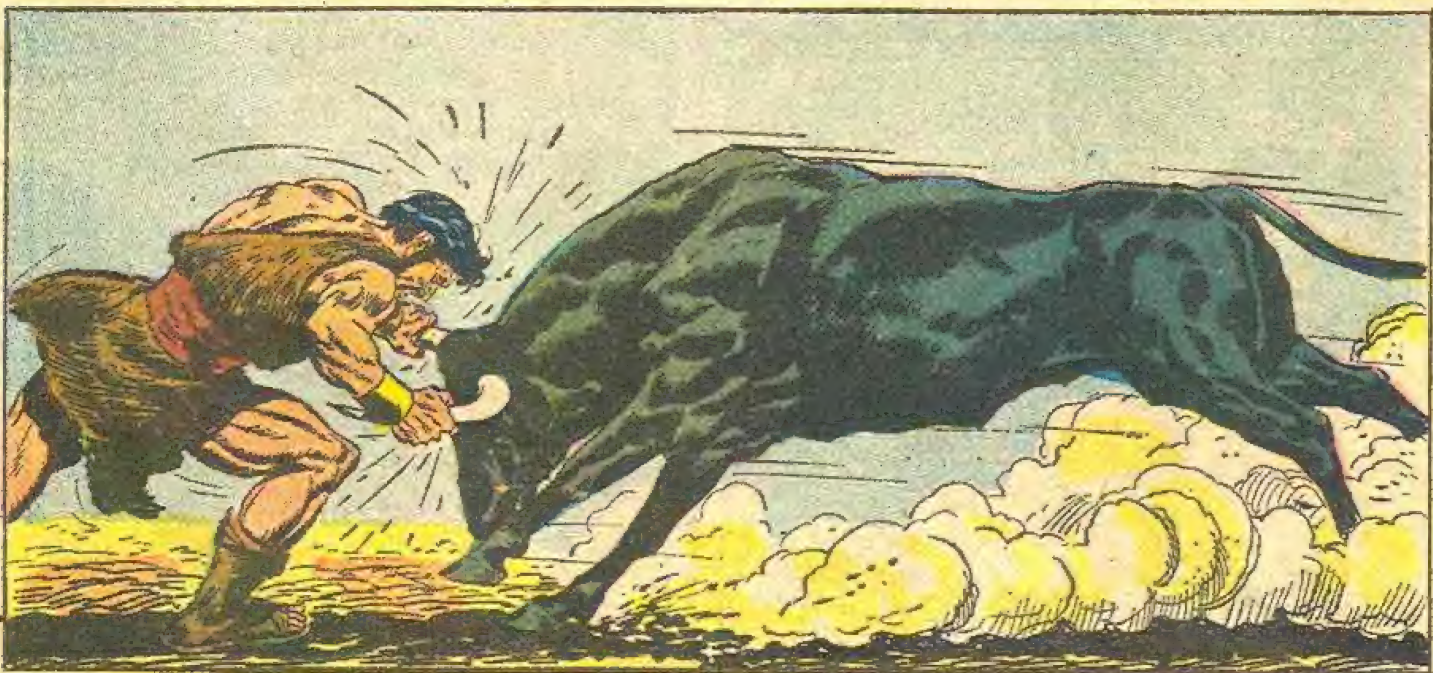
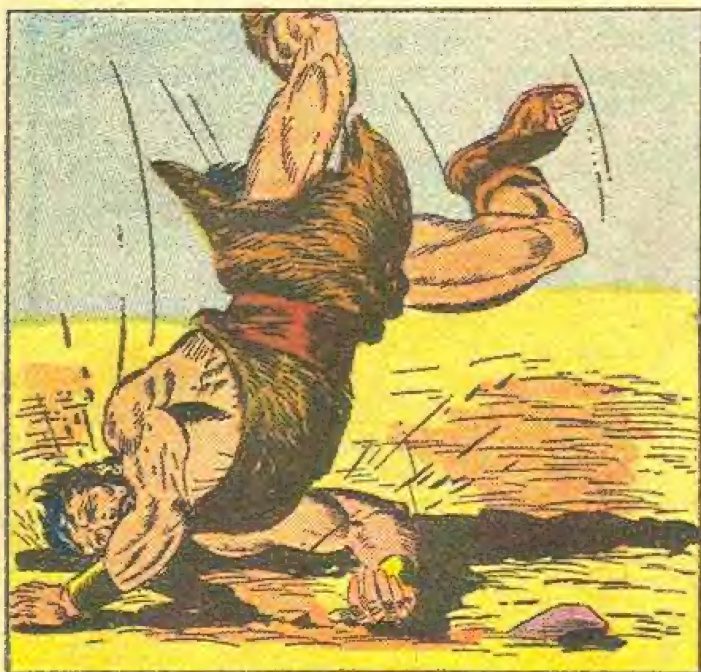
ENOUGH, HERCULES! FROM THIS DAY ON, YOU SHALL BE LIKE ANY MORTAL! YOU MAY BE DEFEATED-- EVEN KILLED!



SEE, HERCULES, RAIN! ZEUS HAS GIVEN HIS SIGN! YOUR WISH HAS BEEN GRANTED! LIKE ANY OTHER MORTAL, BY YOUR OWN STRENGTH YOU MUST LIVE OR DIE!



THEN HERCULES JOURNEYS ON IN SEARCH
OF THE CRETAN BULL...



AND FOR THE FIRST TIME, LIKE ANY MORTAL, HERCULES FEELS PAIN...



THEN SLOWLY, HIS MIGHTY HANDS TWIST THE GREAT BULL'S NECK...



VICTORY! BUT THIS TIME, A TRUE VICTORY, FOR I, TOO, FACED DEATH!



THAT'S ODD! WHY SHOULD THEY RACE OFF NOW THAT THE BULL IS DEAD? I'LL FOLLOW THEM AND SEE WHAT I CAN LEARN!



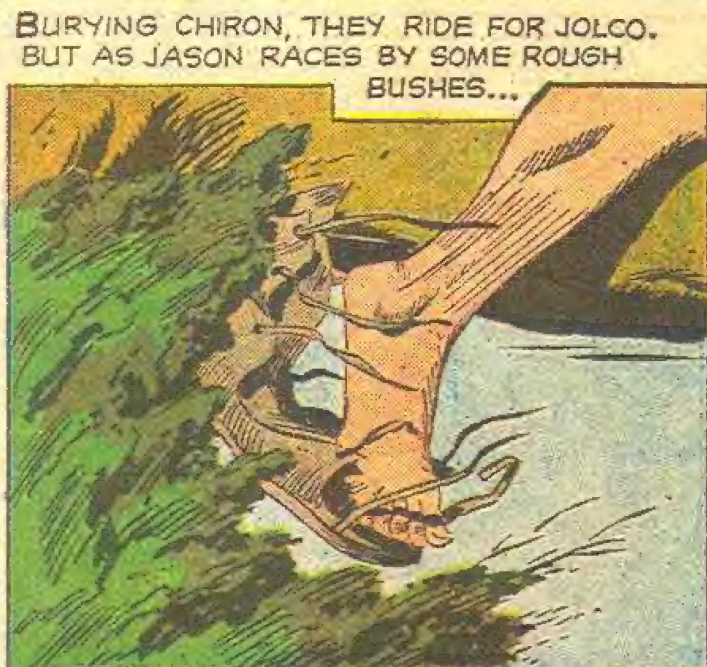
QUICKLY, HERCULES FOLLOWS THEM INTO THE GROTTTO...

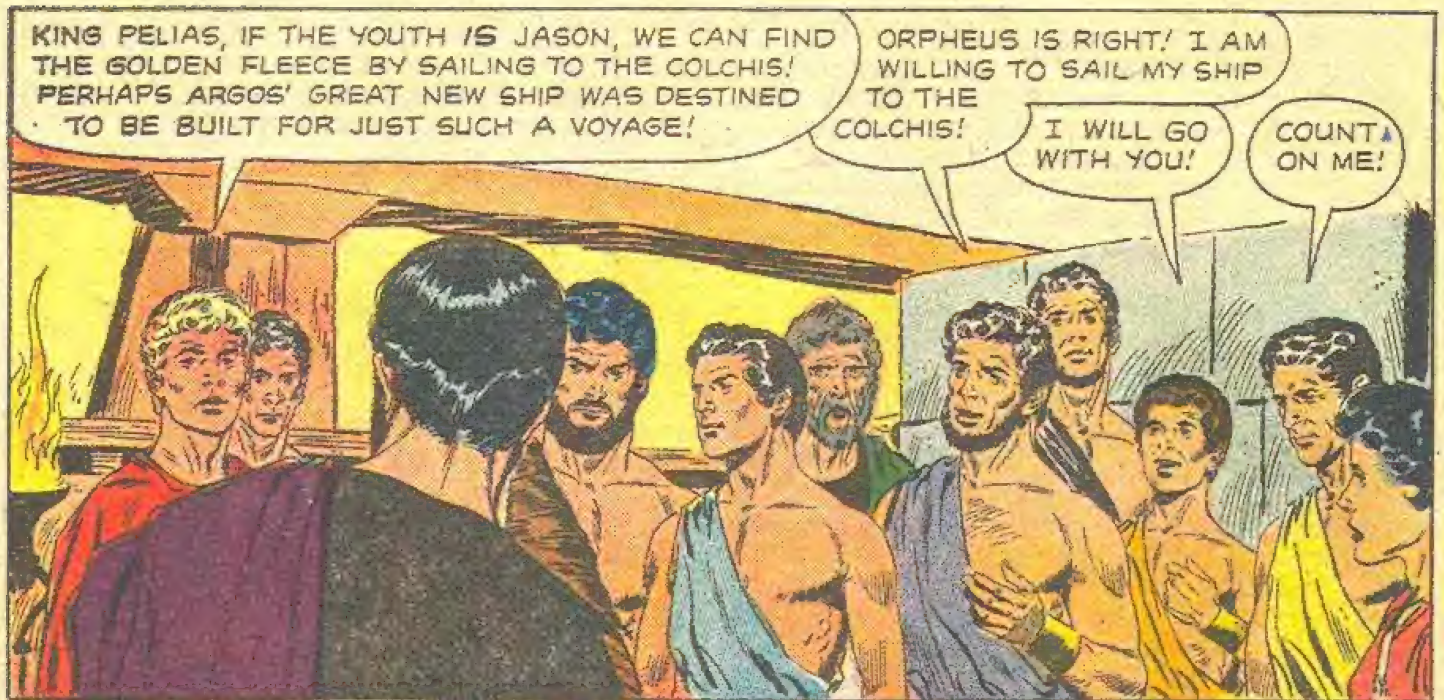


BE QUIET! REST!

NO, LISTEN! THIS IS JASON, SON OF AESON, THE MURDERED KING OF JOLCO! I SAVED HIM WHEN THEY KILLED HIS FATHER! YO-YOU MUST HELP HIM REGAIN THE THRONE!









THE NEXT DAY, ARGOS' GREAT SHIP SAILS OFF...



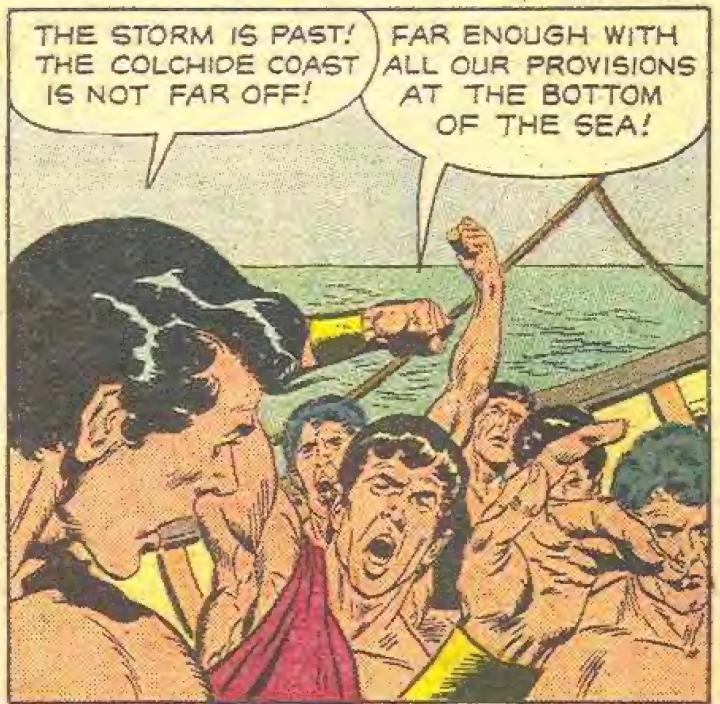
FOR A WEEK, ALL GOES WELL. THEN SUDDENLY THE SKY IS BLACK, THE WAVES WHITE-CAPPED AND WILD...



THROWING OVER ALL SUPPLIES TO LIGHTEN THE SHIP, THEY RIDE OUT THE STORM...



BY CLEVER WORDS AND GRIM PREDICTIONS, EURYSTEUS SOON HAS THE CREW GRUMBLING...



THE NEXT DAY, THEY LAND AT A GREEN LUSH ISLAND TO GATHER FOOD! BUT AS JASON LEADS A SMALL PARTY ASHORE, SUDDENLY...







SL-SLAIN?

THIS TIME, WE WILL MAKE AN EXCEPTION! YOU SEEM TO HAVE COME IN PEACE--NOT LIKE OTHER MEN, WHO HAVE TRIED TO ROB US! YOU WILL BE OUR GUESTS!

SOON JASON AND HIS MEN FORGET WHY THEY LANDED, ENJOYING THE PLEASURES OF THE MOMENT...



THAT EVENING, QUEEN ANTEA HOLDS A GAY FEAST...



WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THAT AT SIXTY, I WOULD EMBARK ON SUCH A FABULOUS ADVENTURE! I THANK THE GODS!

THE NEXT MORNING, SENT BY HERCULES TO SEE WHAT HAPPENED TO JASON, ULYSSES APPROACHES THE CAVERN CAREFULLY...



BUT YOU KNOW HOW I FEEL ABOUT THEIR LEADER, JASON--

YOUR FEELINGS ARE OF NO IMPORTANCE! THE LAW IS THE LAW!

FEAST THEM AGAIN TONIGHT, BUT BY DAWN, EVERY MAN MUST BE DEAD!



THAT EVENING...

FU-FUNNY-- TONIGHT,
THE WINE SEEMS TO
MAKE ME VERY
SLEEPY!

SO YOU YAWN? FEEL
THE SAME WAY... I DO!



AND SOON...



GOOD WORK,
ULYSSES!
THEY ARE
ALL ASLEEP!

ESCULAPIUS ONCE TOLD ME HOW
TO MAKE A SLEEPING POTION
FROM A CERTAIN FLOWER! MIXING
IT WITH THEIR WINE WAS EASY!
NOW IF WE CAN JUST GET
THEM OUT OF HERE!



TWO TRIPS LIKE THIS SHOULD MAKE IT!
CARRY THE LIGHTEST ONE, ULYSSES! THIS
IS THE ONLY WAY WE COULD MAKE THEM
LEAVE THIS TREACHEROUS PARADISE!



AT DAWN, AS JASON AND THE OTHERS AWAKEN...

AN-ANTEA!
ANTEA!



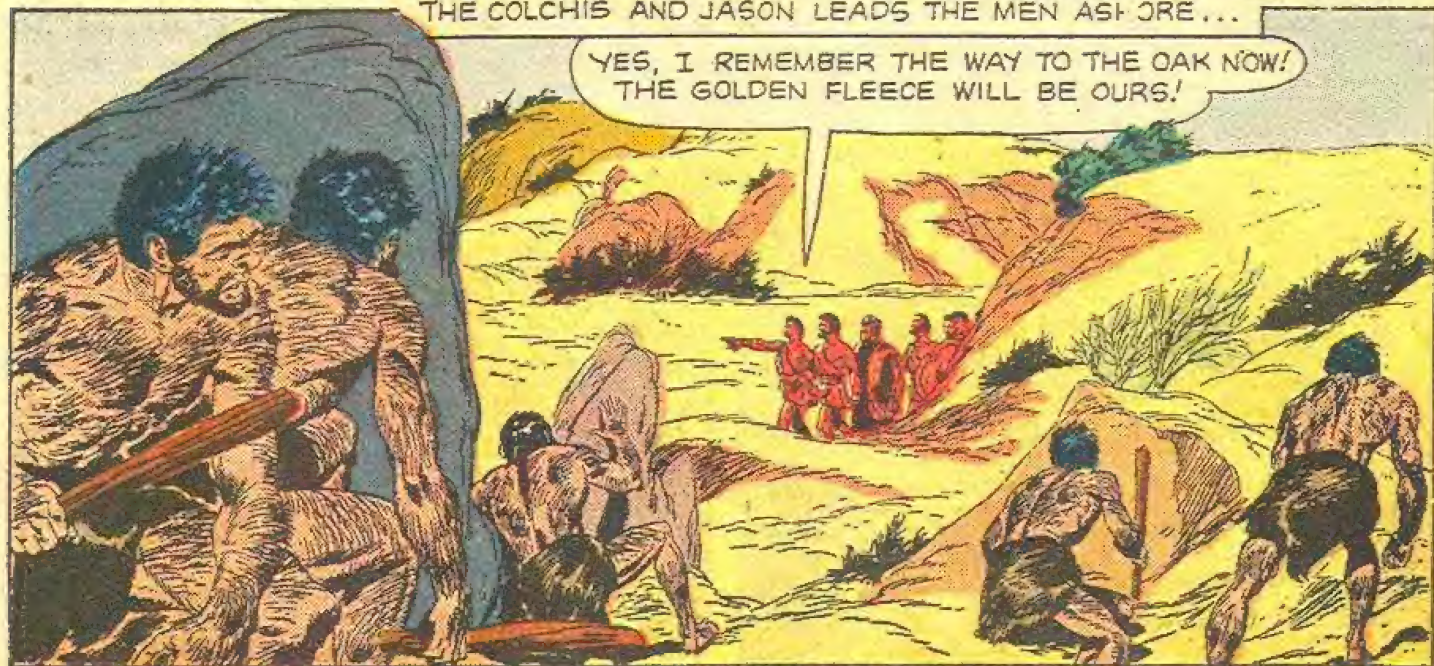
FORGET HER, JASON! NO
MATTER HOW SHE FELT ABOUT
YOU, SHE WAS BOUND BY THE
LAWS OF HER PEOPLE TO
PUT YOU TO DEATH! THINK
ONLY OF YOUR MISSION!

YES, HERCULES
--YOU ARE
RIGHT! SET
THE BOW FOR
THE COLCHIS!



MANY DAYS LATER, ARGOS' GREAT SHIP ANCHORS OFF THE STRANGE, SILENT, BARREN COAST OF THE COLCHIS AND JASON LEADS THE MEN ASHORE...

YES, I REMEMBER THE WAY TO THE OAK NOW!
THE GOLDEN FLEECE WILL BE OURS!



HE-HERCULES,
LOOK!!



THEY ARE CREATURES
FROM A NIGHTMARE!

FIGHT, OR YOU
WILL NEVER LIVE
TO DREAM AGAIN!

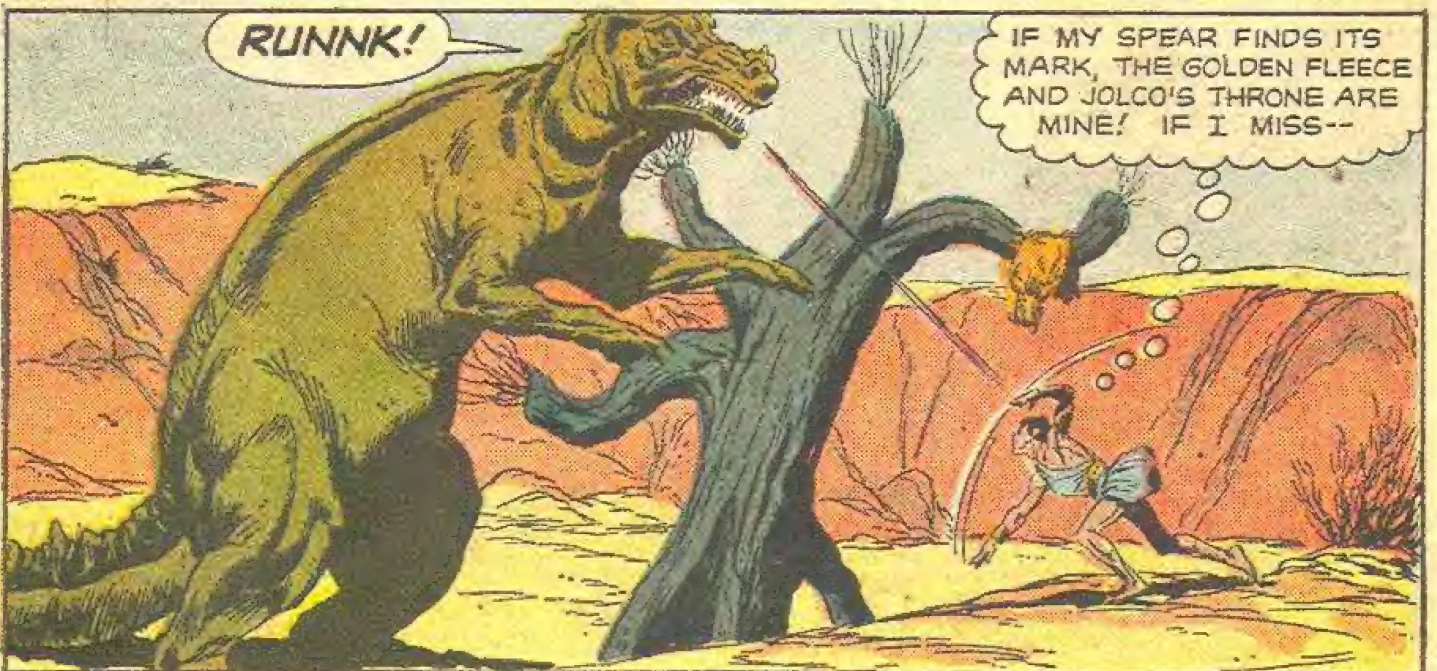
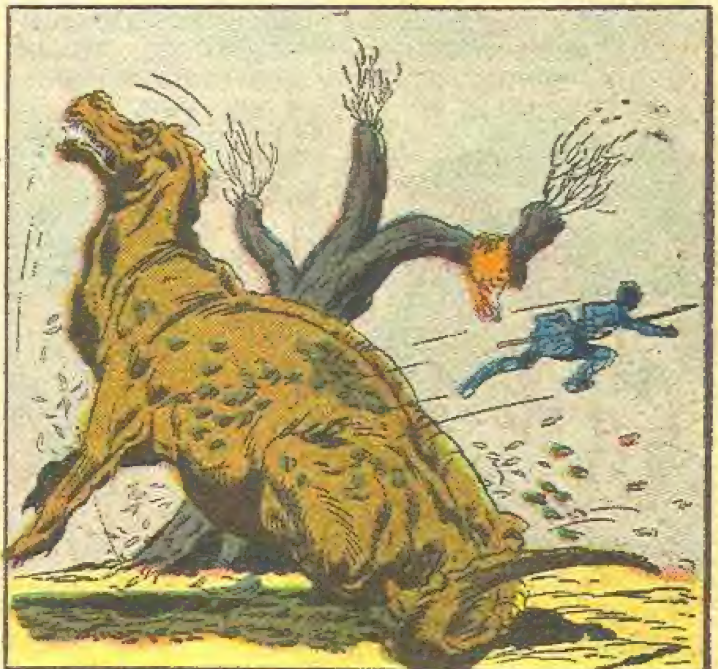
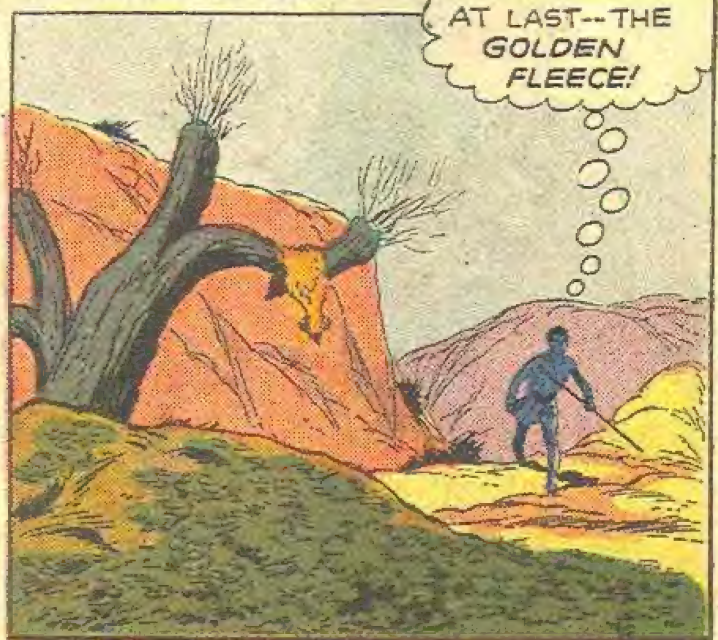


THEY ARE STARTING
TO FLEE!



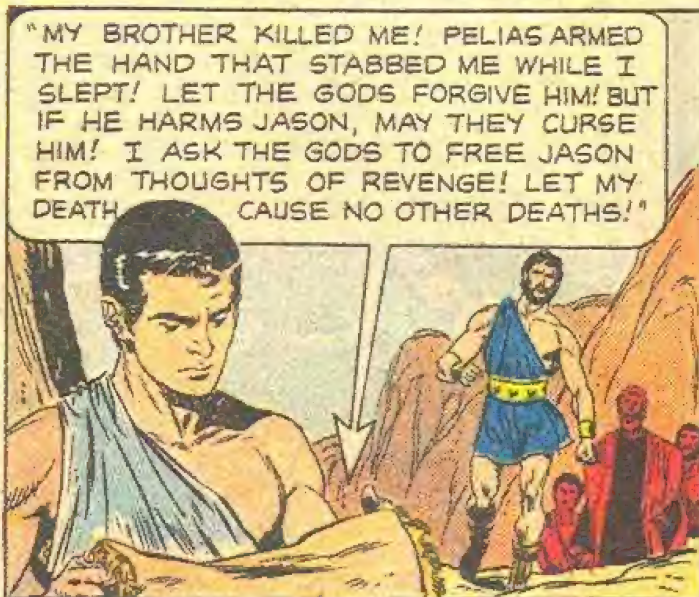


BUT BEFORE THE FIGHT ENDS, JASON RACES
TO THE GREAT OAK...

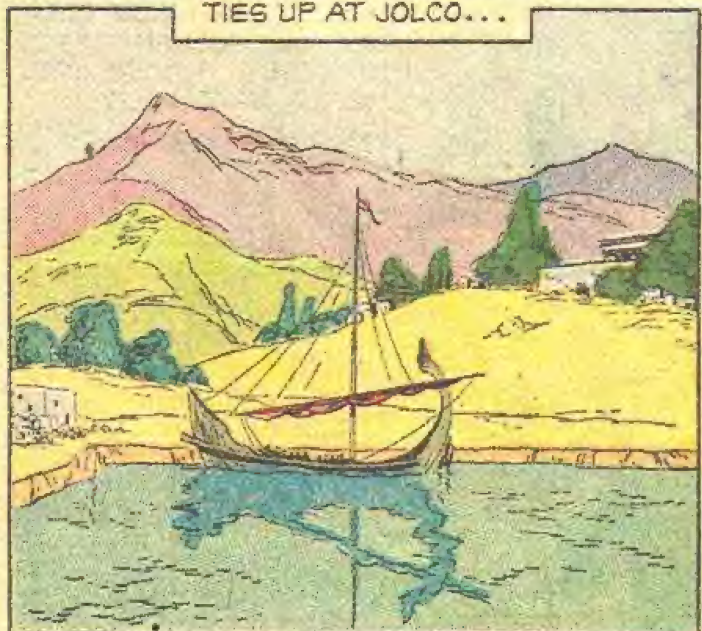




THEN JASON TAKES DOWN THE GOLDEN FLEECE, FINDING ON THE INNER SIDE A MESSAGE WRITTEN IN BLOOD...



AND THREE MONTHS TO THE DAY, ARGOS' SHIP TIES UP AT JOLCO...



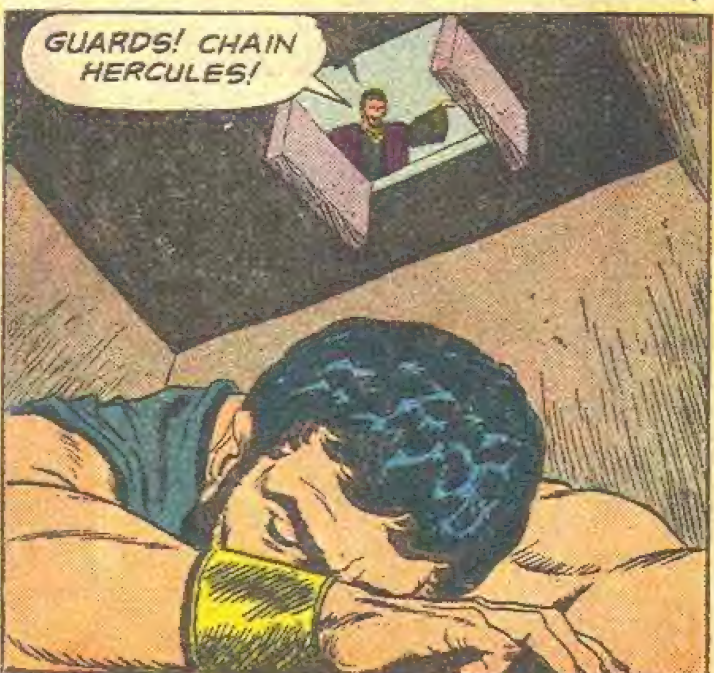
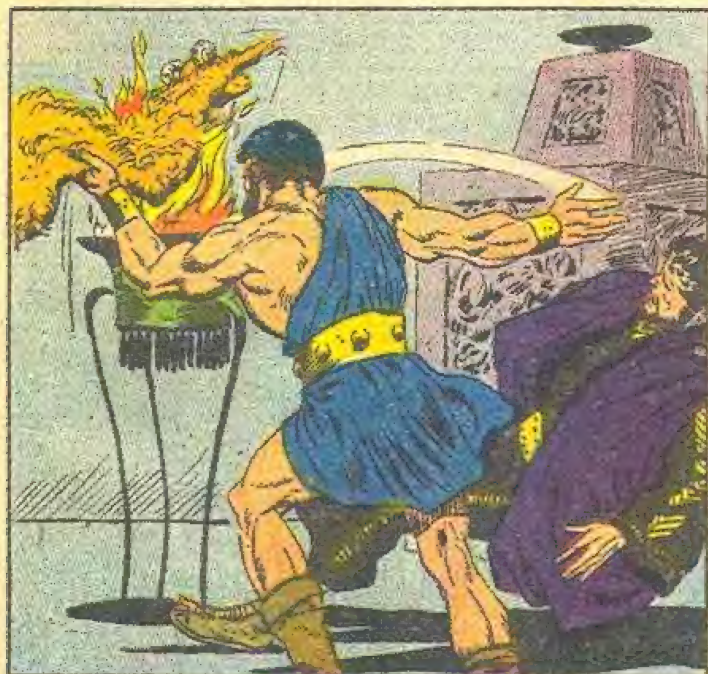
BUT THE EXCITEMENT OF RETURNING IS SUDDENLY CUT SHORT...



MEANWHILE...

BURN THE GOLDEN FLEECE, PELIAS! WITHOUT IT, JASON CANNOT CONVINCE THE PEOPLE HE IS THE LAWFUL KING!

AND WE ALSO MAKE ASHES OF ALL TESTIMONY AGAINST US, FOR **YOU** WERE THE HAND I ARMED TO STRIKE AESON! YOU WERE A PRISONER, CONDEMNED TO DEATH FOR MURDER--BUT FREED BY ME TO MURDER AESON!

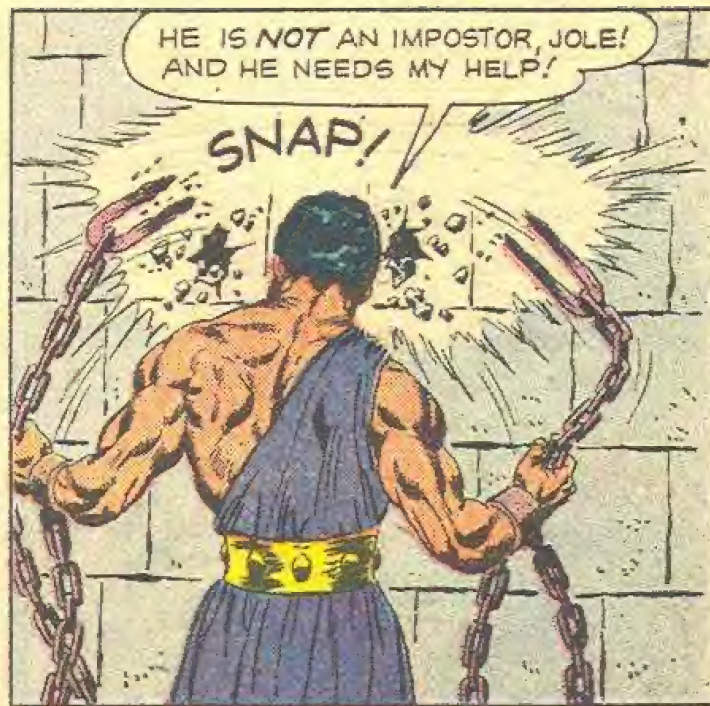


AS THE DUNGEON GUARDS CHAIN THE UNCONSCIOUS HERCULES, A SHOUT GOES UP FROM THE PALACE COURTYARD AND PELIAS RUSHES OUT...



LEARNING HERCULES IS BELOW, JOLE RUSHES TO THE DUNGEON, AS JASON'S MEN FIGHT.





AS THE BATTLE RAGES AGAINST THE OUTNUMBERED BAND, SUDDENLY...



AGAIN AND AGAIN THE GREAT CHAIN FLAILS
AND LASHES...



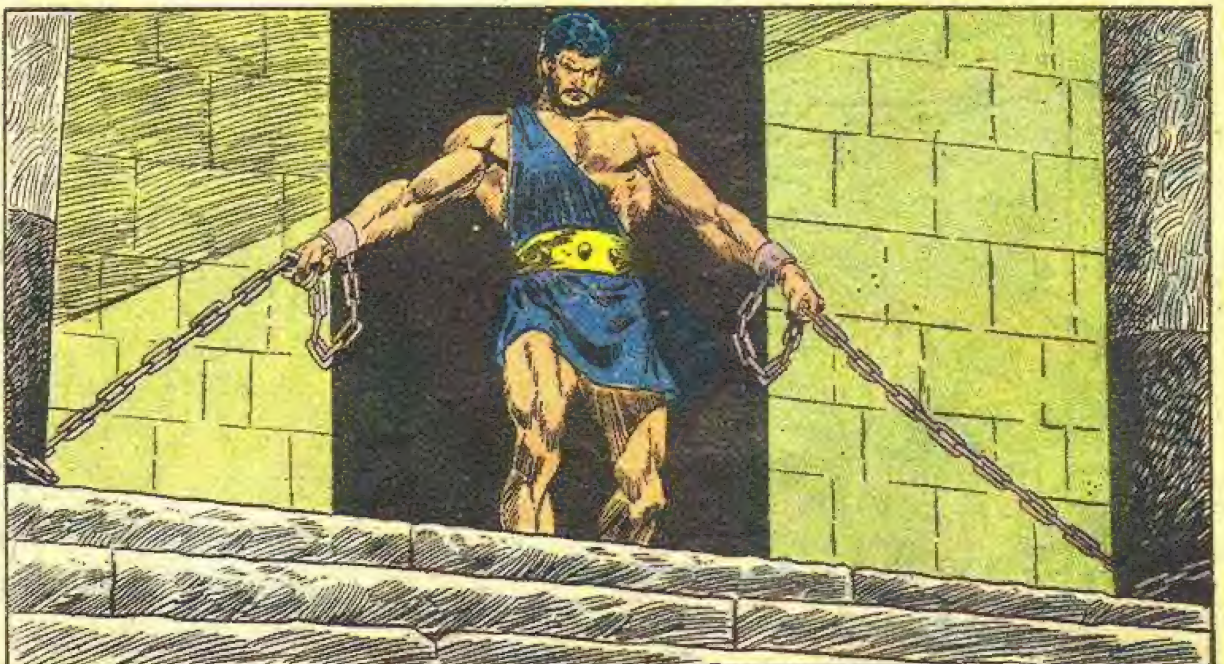
NO! PELIAS' CAVALRY COMES! NOT
EVEN HERCULES CAN STOP ALL OF THEM!

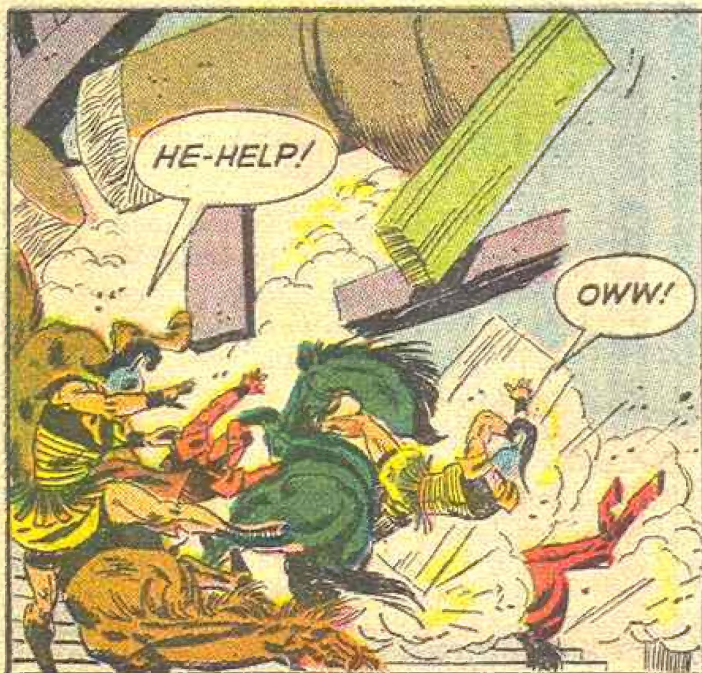
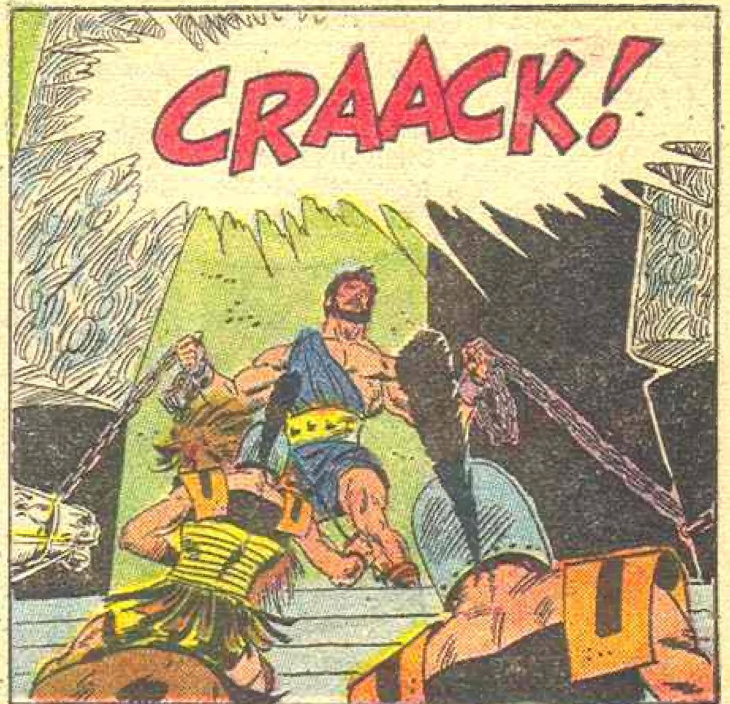
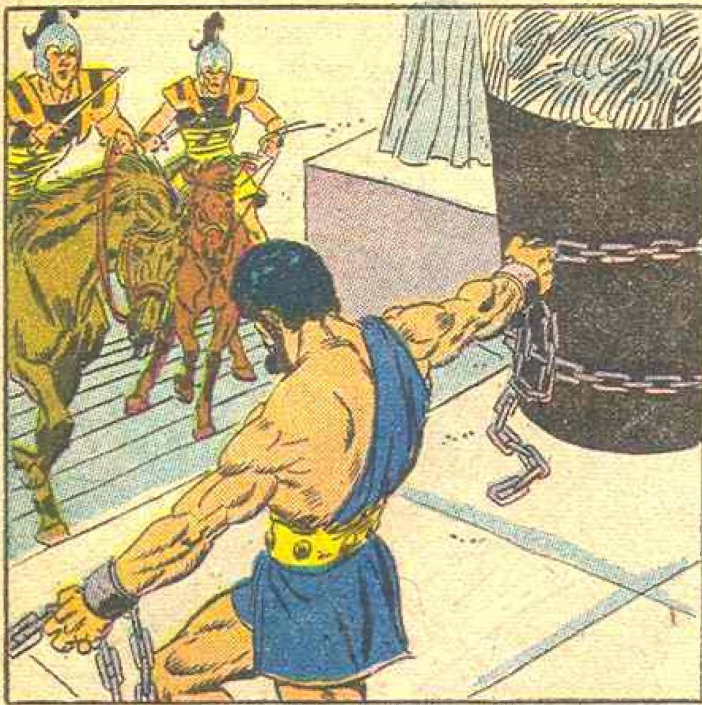


THERE MAY BE A WAY
TO STOP THEM YET!



AS
PELIAS'
CAVALRY
RIDES UP
THE PALACE
STEPS,
HERCULES
WHIPS EACH
CHAIN
AROUND
A STONE
PILLAR
AND THEN
WITH A
MIGHTY
TUG...





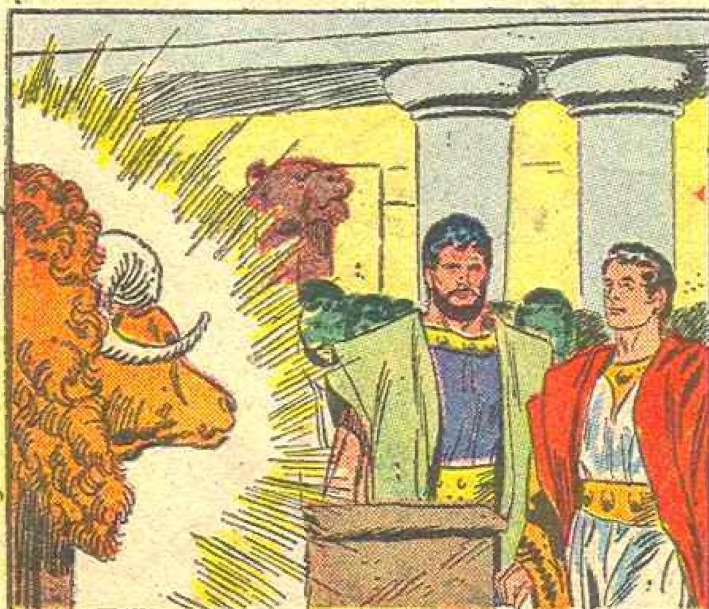
THE DUST CLEARS, THE FEW REMAINING GUARDS FLEE AND A CRY GOES UP...



BUT AS JOLE ENTERS THE THRONE ROOM...



THEN THE GOLDEN FLEECE IS RESTORED TO ITS PLACE AND JASON MOUNTS HIS THRONE...



LATER, HERCULES AND JOLE MARRY, AS THEIR SHIP SETS OUT TO SEA, ORPHEUS SINGS...



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GREEK WARFARE

THE GRECIAN PHALANX STRUCK FEAR INTO ANY ENEMY AS SOLDIERS STOOD LIKE A SOLID WALL, WITH EACH MAN'S SHIELD TOUCHING THE NEXT.



ORNATE METAL HELMETS WITH TALL HORSEHAIR PLUMES MADE THE GREEK SOLDIER LOOK TALLER, AND MORE FRIGHTENING AS THEY WENT INTO BATTLE.



GREEK WARRIORS CARRIED OVAL OR CIRCULAR SHIELDS IN THEIR LEFT HANDS. THEY WERE MADE OF TOUGH BULL LEATHER MOUNTED WITH METAL ON WOODEN FRAMES.



WARRIORS AND THEIR DRIVERS RODE STANDING IN THE CHARIOTS. WITH THE ENTIRE BACK OF THE VEHICLE OPEN, A FIGHTER COULD LEAP QUICKLY INTO BATTLE.



EVEN FROGMEN WERE USED BY THE GREEKS. TRAINED UNDERWATER SWIMMERS BROUGHT FOOD TO THE PEOPLE OF CITIES BLOCKADED BY ENEMY FLEETS.



ONCE THE FOE SUNK WOODEN STAKES ON THE SEA BOTTOM TO KEEP THE ATHENIAN SHIPS FROM ATTACKING, BUT TRAINED GREEK DIVERS SAWED THE STAKES, CLEARING THE WAY TO VICTORY.



THE LABORS OF HERCULES

EARLY IN LIFE, HERCULES WAS ORDERED TO PERFORM TWELVE SEEMINGLY IMPOSSIBLE LABORS. ONE TASK WAS TO KILL THE HYDRA, A NINE-HEADED MONSTER WHOSE MIDDLE HEAD WAS IMMORTAL. AS HERCULES STRUCK OFF ONE HEAD, TWO NEW ONES APPEARED. HE FINALLY BURNED AWAY ALL BUT THE MIDDLE HEAD, WHICH HE FINALLY BURIED.



HE WAS ORDERED TO KILL THE LION WHO ROAMED THE VALLEY OF NEMEA. ARMED WITH NEITHER CLUB NOR ARROWS, HERCULES STRANGLLED THE BEAST WITH BARE HANDS.



FOR ANOTHER LABOR, HERCULES CAPTURED THE OXEN OF GERYON, A MONSTER WITH THREE BODIES, BY KILLING THE GIANT AND A TWO-HEADED DOG GUARDING THE BEAST.



FOR THIRTY YEARS AUGEAS' STABLES, HOME OF THREE THOUSAND OXEN, WAS LEFT DIRTY. HERCULES CHANNELLED TWO RIVERS THROUGH THE STABLES, CLEANING THEM IN ONE DAY.



ATLAS WHO HELD UP THE WORLD, WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO COULD FIND THE GOLDEN APPLES HERCULES NEEDED TO PERFORM ANOTHER LABOR. HERCULES HELD THE WORLD WHILE ATLAS WENT FOR THE APPLES.

